pollution in some river stretches at downstream of sewage outlets and industrial discharge points. Some metropolitan cities have also shown increase of air pollution due to growth in vehicular population. However, the pollution in most of the cities are within the prescribed limits.

The said project is at an advanced stage of approval by Government of India. In-built mechanisms have been provided in the project for ensuring proper utilisation of the loan.

**Admission of children of M.P.'s to Central Schools**

51. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not taken any action for admission of M.P.'s children to the Central Schools;

(b) if so, the grounds on which admission of the M.P.'s children into the Central School on priority basis have been restricted;

(c) whether there is any hostel arrangement in the Central Schools in Delhi; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Children and dependant grand-children of M.P.'s are granted admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(c) There is a hostel attached with Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1 Delhi Cantt.

(d) Does not arise.

**NEERI's study regarding Delhi's literacy rate**

52. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that literacy rate is too low in the Capital than the national average;

(b) if so, whether as per study conducted by the Nagpur based National Environment Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), the NCR is heading for major problem unless remedial measures are taken;

(c) if so. the details of the study undertaken by NEERI; and

(d) the action plan of Government to improve the Capital's literacy rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir. As per the 1991 census literacy rate of the capital is 75.29% against the national average of 52.21%.

(b) and (c) The study conducted by the National Environment Engineering Research Institute related to establishment of regional assimilative capacity with respect to air, water and land components of environment, as also the supportive capacity of human and natural resources in National Capital Region.

The study envisages delineation of guidelines for evaluation and overall regional development in industry, trade and commerce, human settlements, agriculture, energy, water, transportation, communication and other public amenities, with appropriate environmental safeguards.

The study identified the limiting factors and interventions which include air media assimilative capacity, water resources, biological resources, energy resources, transportation and communication infractutre, institutional net work for environmental management, land mass etc.

The strategy indicated by the study for development plan for the region includes limiting population growth; pollution prevention; waste minimization; rejuvenation of land mass, aquabodies, forests with community participation; implement environmental management plans; adopt appropriate cultivation practices; strengthen public transport; augment water resources and water conservation; etc.

(d) Total Literacy Campaign project has been sanctioned to cover a target of 6.00 lakh learners in the age group of 15—35 years.